

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement in connection with the present application. The Examiner acknowledges in the Office Action that currently, claim 1 is generic.

The applicant hereby elects for examination, claims 1 and 8-14. The subject matter defined by dependent claims 8-14 is best seen in FIGS. 10-14. However, it should be appreciated that the subject matter defined by dependent claims 8-14 is also shown elsewhere in the drawing figures.

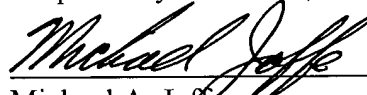
As noted above, claim 1 is currently deemed to be generic. As indicated in the Office Action, upon the allowance of a generic claim, the applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

The applicant also reserves the right to submit any unelected claims for further consideration in one or more divisional applications.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in proper condition for further examination. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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